

REMARKS


In this *Preliminary Amendment*, claims 99-173 have been added and claims 1-98 canceled without prejudice. The new claims cover subject matter disclosed in the original application as filed. Consequently, no new matter has been added to the application through this *Preliminary Amendment*. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments proposed herein before examination of the application.

CONCLUSION

This *Preliminary Amendment* cancels claims 1-98 without prejudice and adds claims 99-173. No new matter has been added to the application by this *Preliminary Amendment*. When filed, the present application had ninety-eight (98) claims, four (4) of which were independent and ninety-four (94) dependent. Upon entry of this *Preliminary Amendment*, the application will contain seventy-five (75) claims: five (5) independent and seventy (70) dependent.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this *Preliminary Amendment*, he is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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